

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT: Middle East Task Force Report

The attached report was prepared by Ambassador Nolting's task force. It represents an initial effort to measure and evaluate, as a whole, the intelligence activities concentrated on a specific geographic area. I have given the report to the Director, but as yet no distribution has been made to the Community. In the meantime, I would like to call your attention to certain conclusions and solicit any comments you may have on these and the report as a whole.

The points of particular concern to you are the questions raised on the ratio of collectors to producers and the degree of analyst specialization and area experience. The task force did not feel it could do more than raise the questions and suggest further study on a broader scale. Other items of interest to you, and upon which you may wish to comment, include the statements on the concentration of the production effort on "crisis" situations, coordination of requirements and the evaluation of information collected.

I would also like to thank you and the personnel of your area for their cooperation in the preparation of this study.

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Attachment:
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